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**IN THE CLAIMS**

**Please cancel claim 85 without prejudice to its consideration in a continuing application.**

**Please add new dependent claim 87.**

**Please amend claims 84 and 86 as follows:**

1-83 (Canceled)

84. (Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a flexible recloseable container, comprising:

providing a pair of [~~interlockable~~] fastener strips having interlockable profiles, a web of flexible film, and a plurality of sliders;

placing the plurality of sliders on the pair of interlockable fastener strips;

fusing together a portion of the [~~fastener strips~~] interlockable profiles at a plurality of locations; and

attaching the interlockable fastener strips to the web of flexible film after said placing the plurality of sliders and after said fusing at a plurality of locations.

85. (Canceled)

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86. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for subsequent attachment to flexible film for making a recloseable bag having a width, comprising:

a pair of [~~interlockable~~] fastener strips having interlockable profiles having a length;  
and

a plurality of sliders coupled to said fastener strips;

wherein said [~~fastener strips~~] interlockable profiles are fused together at a plurality of positions along the length, each said fused position being separated from adjacent said fused positions by about the width of a bag.

87. (New) The apparatus of claim 86 wherein said fastener strips are notched at a second plurality of positions along the length, each said notched position being spaced apart from adjacent said notched positions by about the width of a bag.